

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CARACA 03069 191700Z

46

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ARAE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

PM-03 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 L-02 AID-05 EB-07 COME-00

OMB-01 TRSE-00 H-02 PRS-01 PA-01 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 MC-02 ACDA-05 /069 W
----- 124541

O 191445Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8072

INFO SECDEF IMMEDIATE

USCINCSO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CARACAS 3069

EO 11652 NA

TAGS: PFOR MILI VE

SUBJ: REPORTED VENEZUELAN PURCHASE OF MILITARY TRANSPORT
EQUIPMENT

1. CARACAS DAILY EL UNIVERSAL ON MARCH 19 CARRIES AN AP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE DEPT OF DEFENSE HAS INFORMED THE US CONGRESS THAT IT PLANS TO SELL PONTOON BRIDGES AND TRUCKS TO VENEZUELA FOR \$51.1 MILLION AND TO PROVIDE SPARE PARTS AND TRAINING IN THE USE OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY'S INFO, THE VENEZUELAN ARMY IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, BUT IS CONSIDERING AN EXPENDITURE OF ONLY \$2 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION.

MOD SOURCES CONSIDER THE AP STORY A TOTAL FABRICATION AND ARE IRRITATED BY IT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FALSE AFP REPORT ON MAR 17 OF THE SALE OF "SABRE" JETS TO RHODESIA (CARACAS 3040). MOD OFFICIALS ARE DETERMINED TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THESE INACCURATE REPORTS AND TEND TO POINT THEIR FINGER AT WASHINGTON. WHEN WE OBSERVED THAT THE "SABRE" JET ARTICLE EMANATED FROM AFP, MOD OFFICIALS RESPONDED THAT UPI PICKED UP THE STORY AND THAT AP WAS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CARACA 03069 191700Z

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FABRICATION ABOUT A \$51 MILLION EQUIPMENT

PURCHASE. THESE MOD OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY PLANNED TO TELEPHONE THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AND ASK THE EMBASSY TO INVESTIGATE THESE STORIES.

3. REQUEST DEPT TO PROVIDE US WITH BACKGROUND INFO ON THIS AP STORY.
ASENCIO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PROCUREMENT, PRESS COMMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975CARACA03069
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750095-1107
From: CARACAS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750337/aaaabhlq.tel
Line Count: 68
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 SEP 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <23 SEP 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPORTED VENEZUELAN PURCHASE OF MILITARY TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, VE, US, EL UNIVERSAL
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006